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Directions:

1. Scan this preliminary list of bills that would or could impact charter schools. If pressed for time, prioritize the support (green) and oppose (red) bills, and deprioritize the watch (yellow) bills.
2. Come with clarifying questions about bill content and positions. Be prepared to discuss the five strategy questions below.

Five Strategy questions to consider

1. Should the LAAC establish a subcommittee to respond to rapid changes (amendments, changed timelines, etc.) to ensure LA leaders are well informed of changes and influencing strategy?

2. Should the LAAC send a letter of opposition for each of the 5 oppose bills and a letter of support for each of the 3 support bills?

3. Should each LAAC leader send one or more representative(s) to CCSA's LA County-focused Advocacy Day in Sacramento April 10?

4. Should LAAC members engage school communities in a day of action around one or more piece(s) of legislation? (Digital day of action? Phone calls to legislative offices? In -person visits to district offices?)

5. Should LAAC members engage in local, direct advocacy on all or some of the above (in-district meetings with legislators and their staff)?

Bill	Bill Content and Notes	CCSA Position	Status
AB 575 (Weber)	**LCFF Funding**: Would include the "lowest academically performing pupil subgroup" as a new category eligible for supplemental funding in the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF). This would create additional funding and academic accountability for this subgroup, (currently Af. Americans not otherwise receiving funding).	**CCSA Sponsor**	*Pending* Earliest cmte: March 27 Latest cmte: April 24
SB 614 (Rubio)*	**Special Education Inclusion Grants**: Would create an "inclusive pathways" cost pool program, which would reimburse schools for a portion of their high-cost special education students if they are served in a majority inclusive setting.	**CCSA Sponsor**	*Pending* Earliest cmte: March 27 Latest cmte: April 24
AB 428 (Medina)	**SELPA Funding Rate:** Would equalize SELPA funding rates across the state, increasing overall funding to SELPA so that all are funded at the 95 percentile. Most SELPAs will see an increase in funding.	Support	***Scheduled*** Asm Ed: March 13

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AB 1505 (O'Donnell)*^	**CTA BILL - Charter Petitions and Appeals:** Would eliminate all charter appeals and state /county authorizing; remove requirement that academics be the primary consideration in renewals; call for new charter renewal criteria recs from SPI; expand renewal criteria to include finances and operations; permit renewals for < 5 years; prohibit 5-year renewals of schools identified for technical assistance; remove requirement that charters shall be approved unless findings to deny are adopted; require authorizers to go undercover as parents of prospective students with exceptional needs or English learners and report on response; apply all district accountability measures to charter schools.	Oppose	*Pending* Earliest cmte: March 27 Latest cmte: April 24
AB 1506 (McCarty)^	**CTA BILL- Charter Cap:** Would revise the cap on charter schools in California. This is a "spot bill," meaning its full language has not yet been published.	Oppose	*Pending* Earliest cmte: March 27 Latest cmte: April 24
AB 1507 (Smith)*^	**CTA BILL - Charter Facilities:** Would remove the right of a charter school to locate their facility outside their authorizing district due to temporary need or the inability to find a facility within district boundaries	Oppose	*Pending* Earliest cmte: March 27 Latest cmte: April 24
AB 1508 (Bonta)^	**CTA BILL - Charter Denials:** Would allow authorizers to deny a charter petition based on facilities, fiscal and academic impact on the district. This is a "spot bill," meaning its full language has not yet been published.	Oppose	*Pending* Earliest cmte: March 27 Latest cmte: April 24
AB 221 (Garcia)*	**Teach for America Prohibition**: Would prohibit schools, including charter schools, from utilizing Teach for America teachers if they serve more than a 40% low-income population.	Oppose	***Scheduled*** Asm Ed: March 13
AB 1613 (O'Donnell)*	**Prevailing Wage for Charter Conduit Bond Projects**: Would apply prevailing wage requirements for charter school construction projects financed with conduit bonds. CCSA is opposing AB 1613 as it would effectively increase the costs of these projects by potentially more than 20%, making them more expensive and unviable as a facilities option.	Oppose	*Pending* Earliest cmte: March 27 Latest cmte: April 24
Funding: SB 740	**Full funding of SB 740 Program:** Advocate for full funding of the SB 740 program. The governor flat-funded the program in his Jan. budget proposal. With the program oversubscribed, the current budget will not have money to cover existing needs and there will be a growing shortfall. CCSA established a statewide steering committee to direct advocacy strategy, and it is chaired by Green Dot.	Budget Advocacy	***Scheduled*** March 29: Budget subcommittee hearing *Target: full funding in May budget revision*
AB 48 (O'Donnell)*	**K-14 Bond Act of 2022**: Would place a K-14 facilities bond on the ballot for the 2022 election. CCSA is in the process of analyzing this legislation and our position	Watch	*In committee, pending* Earliest cmte: March 13

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	on a potential future state bond. We believe any bond moving forward should be streamlined and include an equitable amount of funding for charter schools.		
AB 967 (Smith)*	**Charter School Local Control and Accountability Plans (LCAP):** Would place additional requirements upon charter school LCAPs. CCSA is in the process of analyzing this legislation. We do not believe that charter schools should be subject to additional LCAP requirements.	Watch	*Pending* Earliest cmte: March 27 Latest cmte: April 24
AB 1219 (Jones-Sawyer)*	**Teacher Credential Mis-assignment Monitoring**: Would create a statewide teacher credential mis-assignment monitoring system. CCSA is in the process of analyzing this legislation. This legislation include charter schools within its mis-assignment monitoring system, which will create problems as charter schools have significant flexibility when it comes to teacher credentialing.	Watch	*Pending* Earliest cmte: March 27 Latest cmte: April 24
SB 328 (Portantino)*	**School Start Time**: Would require that schools, including charter schools, do not start before 8:30 a.m., exempting zero periods. CCSA is in the process of analyzing this legislation. While we support the intent of the legislation, and agree with the science behind it, we do not believe the legislation as written has enough flexibility for the many specialized school programs that charter schools provide.	Watch	*Pending* Earliest cmte: March 27 Latest cmte: April 24
SB 419 (Skinner)	**Suspension for Willful Defiance**: Legislation that would prohibit suspensions for willful defiance in grades 4-8 permanently, and for grades 9-12 until 2025.CCSA is in the process of analyzing this legislation. While we do not have any concerns with the prohibition for grades 4-8, we are concerned about the prohibition for grades 9-12 and how that may impact the programs that charter schools provide.	Watch	*Pending* Earliest cmte: March 27 Latest cmte: April 24
SB 126 (Leyva)*	**Charter Governance and Transparency:** Applies to charter schools and entities managing charter schools the Brown Act, Public Records Act, GC1090, and Political Reform Act	Neutral	**Signed into law.**

** = LA County legislator*
^ = CTA legislation is co-authored by all Asm. Ed Democratic members (O'Donnell, McCarty, Smith, Kalra) except Weber